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SUBJ: MOROCCAN REACTION TO UNDERSECRETARY SISCO'S "MEET THE PRESS" INTERVIEW

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1. SEMI-OFFICIAL MOROCCAN PRESS ACCORDED INTERVIEW PROMINENT FACTUAL TREATMENT IN FEB 24 EDITIONS. MAROC SOIR CARRIED FRONT-PAGE REPRINT OF AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE ARTICLE. EMPHASIS OF PIECE WAS REFLECTED IN HEADLINE, "NO PRESENT US PLANS TO GUARANTEE SECURITY OF ISRAEL." SUBHEADLINE STRESSED UNDER SECY'S MENTION OF NEED FOR SOVIET COOPERATION IN MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT.

2. OF OPPOSITION PRESS, L'OPINION (ISTIQLAL) REPRODUCED ABBREVIATED VERSION OF AFP REPORT, WITH SAME EMPHASIS. FEB 25 MAGHREB INFORMATIONS (UNFP) CITED MAIN POINTS OF INTERVIEW IN COURSE OF THINK PIECE CONTENDING THAT ARAB MOVES TOWARD CONCERTED APPROACH ON PEACE EFFORTS WERE CAUSING US REASSESSMENT OF VALUE OF STEP-BY-STEP DIPLOMACY. PAPER INTERPRETED SISCO STATEMENT ON NEED FOR SOVIET COOPERATION AS SIGN US WOULD LIKE RESUMPTION GENEVA TALKS. IT ALSO SAW LIMITING OF US GUARANTEE OF ISRAEL TO CONTEXT OF OVERALL SETTLEMENT AS A "FUNCTION" OF FIRM PLO AND SYRIAN POSITIONS, WHICH WERE RALLYING GROWING ARAB SUPPORT.

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